

**Report to the 39th General Assembly  
FIG Working Week, Christchurch, New Zealand, May 2016**

**FIG Foundation  
Report of Activities 2015**



The FIG Foundation

**1. Administration**

The FIG Foundation is located in and administered by the FIG Office in Copenhagen.

A Board of Directors chaired by the President of the FIG Foundation makes the decisions of the Foundation.

The Board of Directors for 2015 was as follows:

- John Hohol, President of the FIG Foundation (USA)
- Prof. Michael Barry, Director (Canada)
- Ir. Liza Groenendijk, Director (Netherlands)
- Dr. Cheng Pengfei, Director (China)
- Prof. Paul van der Molen, Director (Netherlands)

**2. Programmes with Corporate Members**

FIG Foundation Partners

- Charter Foundation Partner Trimble Navigation continues to support the FIG Foundation by sponsorship of the FIG Foundation Dinner since 2010 and providing other support directly through the Foundation.

**3. Meetings 2015**

The board held its official meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria during the 2015 Working week. Furthermore the board has been in frequent contact through emails.

All members of the Board and the Charter Foundation partner were present.

Eva-Maria Unger and Paula Dijkstra were invited to inform about the Young Surveyors Network and were present.

Jan de Graeve had asked for permission to present the second part of the work with the World Heritage List of UNESCO and was present.

Kenneth Swindaman, USA was invited to get inspiration on the work with a foundation and was present.

Louise Friis-Hansen was invited as representative of the FIG management and was present.

During the Working Week Jeff Needham and Graeme Blick were invited to inform about the Working Week 2016 in New Zealand and the involvement of the Young Surveyors. Both were present (paragraph 19)

John Hohol expressed gratitude to the Board of Directors 2011-2014, Steve Frank, Chryssy Potsiou, Mike Barry and Paul van der Molen, for their contribution to the work with the development of the FIG

#### **4. Grants 2015**

Two applications for the Academic Research Grant were received.

It was discussed whether to accept the applications for a second round or not.

One application was rejected due to a lack of focus in the applicant's research record, a lack of publication in the area of the application, and it was not clear how the proposed project was significant in terms of its practical and theoretical contribution to knowledge.

The other application was discussed. There was a perception that the project described was interesting but the application was poor and the application subject matter was on the fringe of what might be covered by an FIG Foundation Academic Research Grant. It was agreed to allow the applicant to go for a second round and thus accept the application. The application was however rejected in the second round.

In 2015 the FIG Foundation awarded grants totalling 9534 EUR to 13 young surveyors to attend and participate in the FIG Working Week 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria. These were awarded to:

- Nur Zurairah ABDUL HALIM (Malaysia)
- Marina DAVIDOVIC (Serbia)
- Casper FIBAEK (Denmark)
- Franka GRUBIŠIĆ (Croatia)
- Tomislav HORVAT (Croatia)
- Konstantina MANGINA (Greece)
- Miljana PLJEVALJCIC (Serbia)
- Erisem QEHAJA (Albania)
- Georgios RIGOPOULOS (Greece)
- Melissa ROBERT (Uruguay)
- Aliona SCUTELNIC (Moldova)
- Kelvin Kang Wee TANG (Malaysia)
- Benedicta Amarachi UGWULEBO (Nigeria)

The FIG Foundation Board of Directors has also approved a grant to Ms **Melissa Robert, Uruguay** in the amount of 2500 euros in support of attending several conferences to make presentations promoting the FIG Young Surveyors Network and FIG in South America.

**CNGeGL**, Italy was supported with 3000 EUR to help Young Surveyors to attend the International Summer School for Surveying, Milan, Italy

In total 15,034 EUR was spent in 2015.

## 5. Donations in 2015

<b>Sofia, Bulgaria:</b>	EUR
Voluntary donations	10,249
Foundation Dinner and registration	<u>9,298</u>
Total	19,547

### Interest

Interest 2015	1,155
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<u>Income FIG Foundation 2015</u>	<u>20,702</u>
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Unfortunately in 2015, registrations for the Working Week was done locally in Bulgaria, and there was not given the possibility to include any donations in connection with the registration. This has caused a lower income in voluntary donations.

## 6. Grants 2016

Having re-published the call for grants and extended deadlines the FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants and the FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships will be open for applications in 2015.

The FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants provide grant of up to 30,000 EUR spread over three years. The conditions are that applicants shall be based in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline 1 March 2016.

The FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships will be provided of up to 4,000 EUR to PhD students. Successful applicants will qualify for a further grant of up to 3,000 EUR to attend and present a peer reviewed paper at a FIG conference. Conditions are that applicants shall be studying for a PhD degree and registered solely in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline 1 March 2016.

Further the FIG Foundation Board of Directors has approved two grants in the amount of 10,000 EUR (5000 EUR each) to support the FIG Young Surveyors Network. These funds will be used to support young surveyors attending the **FIG Young Surveyors North American Meeting** in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA and the **FIG Working Week 2016** in Christchurch, New Zealand

## **7. Accounts 2015**

The income statement for 2015 and the balance sheet at 31 December 2015 are attached to this report.

The total income in 2015 was 20,702 EUR and expenses 15,034 EUR which gives the net result of 5,668 EUR.

The total assets are 237,505 EUR.

The FIG Foundation would like to sincerely thank all those who have generously donated in 2015 in support of the FIG Foundation.

The FIG Foundation would also like to sincerely thank Trimble Navigation for their generous contribution and support of the FIG Foundation and especially Keith Hofgartner, Trimble, for his engagement in the Foundation over many years.

**John Hohol**

President of the FIG Foundation

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